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Period for Reply

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 November 2006.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1,5 and 6 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1,5 and 6 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 20 December 2005 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____	5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application
	6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1, 5 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Torre (US Pat. 4,985,035).

Torre discloses an orthopedic apparatus which is used to remove burrs generated on a cut surface of an angle of jaw, the apparatus comprising: a straight shank (Fig. 12, ref. 50), a longitudinal axis line L (Fig. 12, the axis that can be placed along the middle of the shank of ref. 50), a front end (Fig. 12, end of the shank closer to ref. 53) and a rear end (Fig. 12, end of the shank closer to ref. 55) opposite the front end; a fan-shaped member (Fig. 12, ref. 53) which is provided at the front end of the shank (Fig. 12) said fan shaped member having a surface (Fig. 12, bottom surface of ref. 53, hidden from the viewer) and a reverse surface (Fig. 12, top surface or ref. 53, surface that the viewer can see); and a coupling (Fig. 12, ref. 55) which is provided at the rear end of the shank and is to be connected to a driving source, wherein: the fan-shaped member is inclined with respect to the longitudinal axis line by an inclination angle (since the fan-shaped member is not aligned with the shank, and forms an angle with it), file ridges (Fig. 6, near ref. 25, the two opposing ridges that are parallel with the longitudinal axis of the shank) are formed on the fan-shaped member's reverse surface,

oriented toward the rear end of the shank, and the shank is adapted to be driven in an oscillatory swinging motion through a rotation angle. The inclination angle of the fan-shaped member with respect to the axis line is in the range from 10 to 120 degrees (column 5, lines 31-37). The rotation angle in which the shank oscillates is in the range from 5 to 30 degrees.

With regard to statements of intended use and other functional statements (e.g....adapted to be driven in an oscillatory swinging motion through a rotation angle...), they do not impose any structural limitations on the claims distinguishable over the device of Torre, which is capable of being used as claimed if one so desires to do so. *In re Casey*, 152 USPQ 235 (CCPA 1967) and *In re Otto*, 136 USPQ 458, 459 (CCPA 1963). Furthermore, the law of anticipation does not require that the reference "teach" what the subject patent teaches, but rather it is only necessary that the claims under attack "read on" something in the reference. *Kalman v. Kimberly Clark Corp.*, 218 USPQ 781 (CCPA 1983). Furthermore, the manner in which a device is intended to be employed does not differentiate the claimed apparatus from prior art apparatus satisfying the claimed structural limitations. *Ex parte Masham*, 2 USPQ2d 1647 (1987).

Specifically, with regards to the statement "...the shank is adapted to be driven in an oscillatory swinging motion through a rotation angle...", the shank is capable of performing this motion. Referring to Applicant's specification, page 2, lines 15-20, the fan-shaped member disclosed moves in an oscillatory (reciprocating) motion as shown by arrows in Fig. 10 of Applicant's drawing. The shank of Torre is capable of being oscillated in those directions manually by a user. Furthermore, since the oscillatory

motion is being treated as being functionally recited, the oscillation angle, which is dependent on the oscillatory swinging motion, is also being treated as being functionally recited. The shank of Torre is capable of being manually oscillated in the range from 5 to 30 degrees by a user.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Please see attached PTO-892.

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

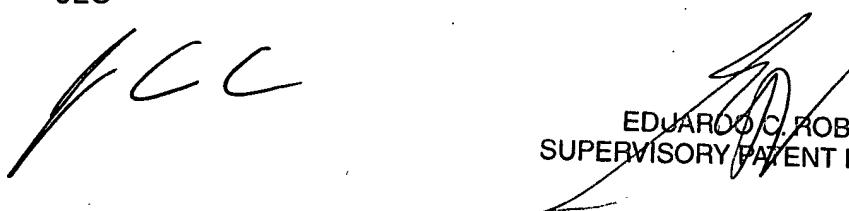
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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jerry Cumberledge whose telephone number is (571) 272-2289. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eduardo Robert can be reached on (571) 272-4719. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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